

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

1631

Applicant: WEI, AI-PING
Serial No.: 09/448633
Filed: NOVEMBER 24, 1999
Confirmation No.: 5266
Due Date: MAY 10, 2003
Title: FLUOROGENIC PROTEASE SUBSTRATES BASED ON DYE-DIMERIZATION

Examiner: M. MORAN
Group Art Unit: 1631
Docket: 53091US009 (7780.884US11)
Notice of Allow. --
Date:

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 4-30-03.

By: Kay England
Name: Kay England

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Amendment Including Version With Markings To Show Changes Made
- ☒ Other: ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

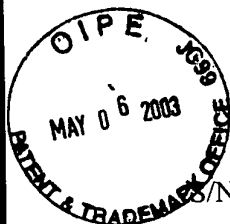
MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
612.332.5300

By: Ronald A. Daignault
Name: Ronald A. Daignault
Reg. No.: 25,968
RADaignault:kf

RECEIVED

MAY 07 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900



S/N 09/448,633

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Wei et al.	Examiner:	M. Moran
Serial No.:	09/448,633	Group Art Unit:	1631
Filed:	11/24/99	Docket No.:	7780.884USIT
Title:	FLUOROGENIC PROTEASE SUBSTRATES BASED ON DYE-DIMERIZATION		

RECEIVED
MAY 07 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 4-30-03.

By: Kay Fahland

Name: Kay Fahland

#20/D
Plunkett
5/8/03

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, as respectfully submitted.

In the Claims:

✓
Please cancel claims 2, 11 and 14.

Please amend claims 1, 12 and 21 as follows:

- DI
1. (Four times amended) A method of biological assay comprising:
 - a) providing an enzyme substrate comprising two or more identical fluorescence dye groups bound to a flexible peptide comprising one or more enzymatically cleavable bonds, the dye groups being drawn together by free energy attractions